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ELEGANTLY furnished out or single rooms well heated. Mrs. Watt, the Vernon. d22 3/4

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU—Situations secured, and servants obtained. Pioneer Bldg Works, 78 Douglas street. d22 3/4

COAL—\$5 per ton, delivered; weight guaranteed. Munn, Holland & Co., 264 Broad street. d22 3/4

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By securing something from our complete stock of Perfumes comprising all the latest French, English, German, Canadian and American scents. Large assortment of Holiday novelties.

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Separate Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 12th February next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails on proposed contracts for four years in each case, each way, between

Garnham and Victoria,
Victoria and the E. & N. Railway Station,

from the 1st April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen and blank forms of tenders may be obtained at the Post Office of Garnham and Victoria, and at this office.

E. H. FLETCHER, Post Office Inspector.

Victoria, B. C., 18th December, 1896.

AN INVITATION

Is extended to all to call at Waitt & Co's and examine the fine 75c bicycle on the market, the

Cleveland Swell Special.

It bristles with new and original improvements and is further in the lead than ever.

M. W. Waitt & Co.

Not one in twenty are free from ailments caused by some little infection of the liver. Use Carter's Little Liver Pills. The result will be a pleasant surprise. They give positive relief.

GOVERNMENT ALIVE. CABLE FROM LONDON

To the Importance of Developing the Mining Districts of the Province.

Mr. Hootnick and a Delegation from Rossland Wait on the Premier.

Possibilities of Increasing Exports of Poultry from Canada to Great Britain.

A Clergyman Protests Against the Consecration of the New Archbishop.

Proposition That Great Britain, France and Italy Should Interfere in Cuba.

Authorities Dispersed a Revolutionary Band Near the Spanish Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—J. F. McLaughlin, president of the Board of Trade; D. B. Boyle, vice-president; R. Armstrong and J. A. Smith, of Rossland, B.C., arrived here this morning, and along with Mr. Bostock, M.P., had an interview with Premier Laurier, Hon. Mr. Sifton and Hon. Mr. Tarte at noon to-day. They are here to press upon the government the great importance of the mining industry of British Columbia, and therefore the necessity of the government having a western mining policy. The delegates did not attempt to dictate any policy but laid stress upon the necessity of railway communication and the publishing of mining information and statistics by the government for recirculation abroad. The members of the government manifested interest in the remarks of the delegates and promised to consider the same with other information, which had been secured upon the same subject. The government is fully alive to the importance of mining in British Columbia. The delegates did not come as representatives of the Board of Trade, although they claim to represent the views of the people generally in Rossland.

Premier Laurier, replying to the British Columbia delegation, said the government recognized that much of the future of the country depended on the West and therefore they desired to pursue a broad and liberal policy in connection with British Columbia, having in view the development of the same. The delegates referred to the necessity for cheap transportation and said that the government ought to build and operate the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Hon. Mr. Sifton spoke in the same strain as Premier Laurier.

Hon. Mr. Fielding goes to Halifax to spend the Christmas holidays. Hon. Mr. Borden has returned from the Maritime provinces. Sir Richard Cartwright is in Toronto. Mr. Sutherland, the Liberal whip, is here. He directed the affairs in Cornwall and did it well. Hon. Mr. Sifton and Mrs. Sifton are staying at the Russell House. They spent the greater part of Sunday at Premier Laurier's residence. The minister took charge of his office yesterday and met with a batch of correspondence and over a hundred files of papers which were waiting his attention.

It has been decided that as soon as possible after the New Year has set in, the tariff commissioners will resume their investigations. One sitting will be held in Montreal to conclude the business at that port, thence the ministers will proceed to Quebec.

Prof. Robertson has just returned from a visit to the markets of Eastern Ontario. He thinks that, with cold storage markets in Eastern Ontario, and a systematic catering to the requirements of the British poultry trade, a steady shipment of Canadian turkeys might be maintained from October to March, realizing prices that would yield the Canadian farmer handsome returns and at the same time bring down the price in England to a figure that would encourage consumption among the artisan classes.

In response to an invitation of the special committee of the Dominion Rifle Association, eleven sets of plans have been sent in for the proposed Canadian headquarters at Boley. The building must be constructed of and finished in Canadian woods, and not exceed a cost of \$7,000.

Hon. Mr. Patterson has left for Montreal to represent the government at the commercial travellers' banquet to-night.

DURANT CASE.

Another Move is Made by Counsel for the Defense.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—What may prove to be the beginning of the end of the Durant case took place in the chamber of the Superior Court yesterday. The brief of Theodore Durant was filed and was granted a re-submission. The attorney-general also filed a brief replying to the defendant's counsel. Durant is now given ten days in which to file a brief, replying, after which the case of the alleged murder of Blanche Lamont will be finally decided.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

Sultan Carrying Out Some Wishes of the Ministers.

New York, Dec. 21.—A special cable dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: "The large measure of freedom on the part of the Sultan towards Armenians recently referred to will probably bring about the release of four thousand prisoners and the remittance of all sentences of death. At a council of the ministers the request of Mr. Terrell, United States minister, that Hattum Ardouran, imprisoned at Trebizond, has been released. Nine individuals who surrendered to the government as revolutionists at Aleppo have also been set at liberty, the release of those prisoners having been promised Mr. Terrell by the Sultan."

London, Dec. 22.—Correspondents report that gendarmes disposed of a small revolutionary band that has been organized near Madrid.

An additional batch of anarchists was sentenced to-day at Barcelona. Forty of them were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment, and twenty-seven to eight years in prison.

During the ceremony to-day of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Frederick Temple, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, at Bow church, Rev. Mr. Brown John, chaplain to the late Bishop of Bath, rose and protested against the consecration on the ground that Dr. Temple was a self-confessed believer in the full doctrine of evolution, and this doctrine is incompatible with the dignity of the book of common prayer and the articles of religion. The royal commissioners declined to hear Rev. Mr. Brown John.

A special dispatch from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States, and terminate the revolt.

The accident which caused Sir Henry Irving to announce that he is compelled to close the Lyceum theatre was of his knee, by stumbling on the stage stairs at the close of the performance on Saturday. Sir Henry and Miss Ellen Terry have gone to Paris.

A case in the Paris law courts has revealed the fact that Henri Rochefort derives an income of \$50,000 yearly from L'Intransigeant. The Debates reproach him with theoretical socialism and with giving no benefit to his employees. It is believed, however, that Rochefort is exceedingly generous to political refugees.

The total defalcations reported through the disappearance of Ludwig Hegeler, manager of the Constance branch of the Imperial Bank of Germany at Constance, Switzerland, is 610,000 marks, of which sum he is said to have taken with him 200,000 marks when he fled from Switzerland. The balance is understood to have been lost in bourse transactions.

AMERICAN INTERFERENCE.

But for That the Cuban Question Would Have Been Settled.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The secretary of the Spanish embassy here, Marquis de Novalles, in an interview declared that but for "American interference" the Cuban question would have been terminated long ago, adding: "The recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States would only be the result of an insignificant whim. I believe the struggle will terminate before the end of February."

Soleil says: "If the United States recognize the independence of Cuba, European opinion will support Spain against the United States."

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME.

Regarding the Fortifications at Esquimaux, Halifax and Elsewhere.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Recent imperial announcements in connection with the army, navy and fortifications in British North America and the West India islands have raised a steady public interest in them. A second regiment is expected to be stationed here and a regiment of infantry will be sent to Esquimaux, B. C. A number of new fortifications will be built at different points along the Canadian and Newfoundland Atlantic seaboard.

In connection with the North American squadron of warships, the Cordella, the Partridge and the Buzzard are expected to be relieved by new ships at an early date.

It is also stated that this squadron is to be strengthened to fifteen ships exclusive of the torpedo destroyers. The latest addition to the North American squadron is the cruiser Indefatigable previously reported as for Bermuda.

Within twelve months the squadron of British ships at Halifax will be the most formidable assemblage of modern ships ever seen in this hemisphere.

WANT A REPRESENTATIVE.

One Change Desired by Venezuela in the Treaty.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 21.—President Cipo said to-day that the Olney-Pauncefote treaty had met with the cabinet's approval, excepting that one change in it was desired. Venezuela, he said, wants the appointment of one of the members of the arbitration tribunal, provided for by that treaty. Congress has been called to meet on February 1st, three weeks before the regular session, to dispose of the treaty. The impression is gaining ground that Cipo will be able to influence its action. Minister Andrade, with the formal reply of President Cipo in regard to the treaty, may be expected to arrive in New York next Saturday.

REMISSION OF TAXES

Lieut-Col. Gregory Urges That Militia be Exempt from the Revenue Tax.

By-Law Regulating the Coming Municipal Elections Read a Third Time.

Last evening's meeting of the city council was a short, businesslike one, everything done for consideration having been disposed of by 9:30 o'clock. All the members with the exception of Mr. Patridge were present.

As it was necessary that the by-law regulating the coming municipal election should be passed, the ordinary rules of procedure were suspended and the by-law was considered in committee of the whole. The by-law provides for nominations on January 11th and elections on the 14th. It was at first decided to have the elections for aldermen in the different wards in the public market building, but as there was some doubt as to whether elections for aldermen conducted outside of the wards for which they were running, would be legal, this plan was abandoned and the places for polling were arranged as follows: For North Ward, room 11 Market building; for Central Ward, building south-west corner of Pandora and Douglas streets; and for South Ward, at 27 Government street. W. W. Northcott was appointed returning officer, R. H. Johnston deputy returning officer; for the election of mayor, J. H. Falconer, deputy-officer for North Ward; W. Burnes for Central Ward, and Thos. Dearberg for South Ward. The by-law was reported complete with amendments and read a third time.

Lt.-Col. Gregory wrote as follows:

"Gentlemen: On the 10th August, 1894, Lieut.-Col. Prior, commanding the B. C. B. G. A., addressed a letter to the city council asking that members of the local militia be exempted from the payment of the revenue tax, and on the 14th of the same month he received a reply stating that the communication had been referred to the finance committee to report to the council. I have been unable to ascertain the purpose of the committee's report or whether anything further was done. I am anxious to have the matter again taken up, more especially as the public seems to have recently awakened to the fact that more support should be given to the militia."

After calling attention to the editorial and letters in the press on the subject, Col. Gregory's letter urged the council "to facilitate the accomplishment of the objects aimed at by passing a resolution favoring the proposal, which resolution may be forwarded to the local legislature as a recommendation, and as the remission of the tax will affect the municipal revenue only, the local legislature would doubtless give immediate effect to your suggestion. Should you desire any further information on the subject it will give me much pleasure to wait upon you or a committee of your body at such time as you may name."

The communication was referred to the finance committee to report at the next meeting.

W. McKay, secretary of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, asked for information regarding the hours of duties of the caretaker of the Isolation Hospital. The letter was referred to the city health officer to report.

W. McNeill asked to be appointed a special constable during the winter months. Mr. McNeill will be informed that there is no vacancy on the force.

James L. Rayner, city auditor, reported that in accordance with the resolution of the council he appended the statement showing costs of Point, Elliot and James Bay bridges: Cost of Point Elliot bridge, \$6,894.54; repairs to James Bay bridge, \$2,187.33; legal expenses, \$486.08. Received and filed.

The electric light committee recommended that a new buggy be bought the lamp trimmer. Report adopted.

Ald. Wilson referred to the letter in the Province, in which the street committee were criticised for allowing merchants of Government street to scatter straw and rubbish on the street. It was not the fault of the street committee but the police commissioners and the police force. If the police force had enforced the by-law the Province people would have often been hauled over the coals for keeping Broad street full of rubbish while they occupied premises on that street.

Ald. Humphrey also pointed out that certain parties were cutting trees on a lot near Beacon Hill park and the police should enquire into the matter.

The mayor replied that it was the duty of the police to enforce the by-laws, and not the duty of the aldermen.

The council then adjourned.

AFRAID OF HER DINNER.

"Only a coward," said General Sir Thomas Picton, "will boast that he was never afraid." These are remarkable words to come from a man like him. Whatever Sir Thomas' faults may have been, timidity was not among them, as he proved down to the moment he fell at Waterloo. We have heard of great generals afraid to cross a narrow bridge. The famous Duke of Marlborough was afraid of his wife, and with good reason. Some folks are afraid of ghosts, and some of new ideas. Here is a lady who was afraid to eat. Most of us will face a good dinner with a fair amount of courage; but we, luckily, are not in the condition of Mrs. Lucy Booth at the time of which she writes.

"In the spring of 1888," she says, "I began to feel weak and ill. My appetite was poor, and after all I ate I had a great pain at the chest and left side. My hands and feet were cold and clammy, and I was so pale that I seemed to have no blood left in me. As time went on I got worse and worse, and became afraid to eat owing to the pain. I got so weak I could scarcely get about. I saw a doctor from time to time who gave me medicine, but I got no better. I also went to Nantwich for change of air, but nothing did me any good. Af-

ter suffering in this way for nearly a year my father persuaded me to try a medicine that had cured him. After taking one bottle of it I felt relief, and by continuing its use a short time all pain left me, and I gained back my old strength. My husband, who had suffered from indigestion for years, has been benefited by the same medicine. Whenever we all anything a few doses of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup soon sets us right. You may make what use you like of this statement. (Signed) (Mrs.) Lucy Booth, 6 Union Street, Runcorn, Feb. 9th, 1894."

After reading this story, nobody, we are sure, will criticize Mrs. Booth because she was afraid to eat. One is not a coward because he refuses to swallow poison, and that's what food soon becomes when it lies in the stomach without being digested. Cautious people frequently keep firearms in their rooms as a defence against intruders. Mrs. Booth is armed with Mother Seigel's Syrup against indigestion and dyspepsia, an enemy more to be dreaded than any midnight thief.

Now lay to heart the simple thing I am going to tell you: Nature, the wise mother of us all, never makes it hard to do what is necessary to be done. Not a bit. On the contrary she makes necessary things easy and pleasant to do. You breathe without thinking of it; your heart beats without any supervision or care on your part; when you are thirsty

you get up and get a drink of water. The first expedition was in 1885. The Neptane, a Newfoundland vessel, was chartered for the occasion. This time the Alert was engaged. A second trip was made by the Alert in 1887. The late Commander Gordon, R.N., who was in command of the fishery protective fleet, commanded the Alert. The Royal Geo-

OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The department of marine and fisheries is making arrangements for the proposed expedition to Hudson Bay next summer so as to obtain further information regarding the navigability of the straits. All kinds of opinions prevail as to the length of the season during which it is possible to navigate the straits, although there is a well founded impression that the time does not extend above three months. These expeditions have already been made to gather information on this point and still the government has not sufficient data in their possession to rely upon, so contradictory are the reports. The expeditions were made on account of the pressure upon the late government to aid in building the Hudson Bay railway, so as to give the people of the Northwest and Manitoba an outlet for the produce of their country to the markets of the old world.

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graphical Society of Great Britain sent Commander Markham along, and he, as well as Commander Gordon, made a report on the result of their observations. And notwithstanding all this information there remains a doubt as to the practicability of navigating the straits. Some parties assert that there are not two months in the year when a vessel can go through the straits. Others hold, and the latter are for the most part advocates of the Hudson Bay railway, that there is six months in the year when navigation is possible.

That the province of Manitoba would be asked to send along a representative with the expedition, so that an independent report could be obtained in this way. Who this representative will be is not yet known, but the local government will no doubt make a good selection.

High Sutherland, ex-M.P. for Winnipeg, who has through good and evil report stood by the Hudson Bay railway from its inception, is at this early stage of the arrangements for the expedition, taking an interest in them. He has written the minister of marine and fisheries at some length on this matter, notwithstanding that his time since the last general elections has been pretty fully occupied on his mile at Silverton, B. C. Mr. Sutherland suggests that Mr. Davies engage one of the boats of Milburn & Co., Glasgow, which are used in the Baltic trade, instead of specially fitting

out a vessel for the expedition. This would demonstrate, if the trip was a successful one, that a special line of boats would not require to be built to ply between Fort Churchill and Liverpool.

The prevalent idea is that new vessels would be required. The Milburn Company have written Mr. Sutherland that the Baltic vessels are well enough equipped to engage in the trade.

To obtain a satisfactory report Mr. Sutherland also asks that the expedition start out in April instead of May as the Neptune and Alert did. The vessel, in his opinion, ought to keep cruising in and out of the bay until the straits were closed for the season, with the exception of making a couple of runs to Newfoundland to report to Ottawa. In the case of the Neptune and the Alert they reported to Halifax, but took too much time. All these matters are now engaging the attention of the department.

The senate, for the first time in many years has been filled up, and to-day there are no vacancies. Since Mr. Laurier has been in power he has appointed seven new senators and in doing so added six Liberal votes to the small number of Liberals he had in the upper chamber: Three senators have been appointed from Ontario, two from Quebec, one from Nova Scotia and one from New Brunswick. As the latter, Senator King, replaces Senator McClellan, it leaves the political strength of the senate the same, although Mr. Laurier has appointed seven new senators he only

adds six Liberal votes. Continuing at this rate the Tory majority in the Red Chamber will soon dwindle away.

SLABTOWN.

The whole story of the great sales attained and great cures accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla is quickly told. It purifies and enriches the blood, tones the stomach and gives strength and vigor. Disease cannot enter the system fortified by the rich, red blood which comes by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HOOD'S PILLS cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists, 25c.

THE OMINECA COUNTRY.

There is Gold, but the Prospector has no Picnic.

On Minson creek, Omineca, a man named Matthews has mined now for the past two years. Last year a party of needy prospectors came along and Matthews gave them a chance to work for him. They spent a few days getting ready to work a piece of ground and after working four weeks they found they had taken out about \$700. Considering the crude way they worked it was considered good and the party intend going in the spring again and resuming work. Mr. Matthews takes his daughter with him every spring, spends the season

mining and returning to Victoria to winter. It is said that he has for many years averaged about \$1,000 per season. From a prospector who left that section we are informed that the ground owned by the company represented by Col. White, the 43rd Mining & Milling Company, of Ottawa, is considered by prospectors in general good ground, and a choice water right; water, as a rule, being hard to get on the ground. The reports of all disinterested parties from that section seem to be that the mining company above referred to will make a marked success. Findlay river is again heard from by us and the report is not sufficiently favorable to encourage work or prospecting on that river as long as it is so far from a base of supplies. There is no doubt of the death of the unfortunate Ben Wrede. The report of the French prospector, Vital, to the Hudsons Bay Company in that section, has been confirmed by other circumstances. Mr. Wrede was not a woodsman nor a hunter, and in that section no man should trust himself alone except he is able to shift for himself under any circumstances. In crossing swollen waters supplies and rifles are often lost, and a man a hundred miles from a settlement and not even being sure of the points of the compass stands very little chance of ever seeing home and friends. Indians of that section are not to be trusted and would at any time make away with a man if they thought they could safely do so. Omineca should next sea-

son be a favorite section with the prospectors. There is gold there and in many places in sufficient quantities to pay well for mining, but no man should go there unprepared, nor expecting to find a haven of rest from labor. There are flies, gnats and mosquitoes enough in some sections to keep a man from taking life too easy at least. Via Ashcroft is pronounced by all to be the only feasible route to the Omineca.—B. C. Mining Journal.

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chester, Ont. He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctor could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him."

Sold by all dealers and Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto, 25c. When all other remedies fail Dr. Chase's Liniment and Turpentine will cure the worst chronic cold. 25 cents.

—Dr. T. R. Allison, L. R. C. P., 867 St. "Drink Kops Cheer in preference to other beverages."

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Purest and Best for Table and Dairy No adulteration. Never cakes.



THE ORDER OF THE BUTTON.

MISS CANADA—Put on the button, gentlemen, and wear it for my sake. No political leader worthy of the name of statesman will refuse.

she makes it a pure delight to drink; when you are tired and weary she lays her soft hand upon your face, and whispers, "Sleep, my child, sleep, and forget the world." When you need food she fills up within you what we (lacking a better word) call an appetite, and eating becomes a supreme satisfaction.

Well, then what are we to think of ourselves when we turn from food as a woman turns from her dead baby? Why, this, to be sure; that something has outraged and thwarted nature. What has done it? The disease called indigestion or dyspepsia. "Oh, you say, we know all about it, it never kills anybody." Doesn't it? Does famine never kill anybody? What filled the air of Ireland with wailing and keening away back in 1848? What—but, oh!—the point is sharp enough to prick your fingers.

Whether a man is hungry and has no food, or has plenty of food, but is prevented by disease from eating and digesting, it—he starves just the same. "In nine-tenths of all fatal diseases," says an eminent medical writer, "the final cause of death is starvation. The digestion fails, and death ensues sooner or later. The human body must subsist unless constantly sustained by food."

True, and dyspepsia is low starvation—the source of most of the other diseases that fill us with pain and misery. As a cure I point to the record of Mother Seigel's Syrup.

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On Minson creek, Omineca, a man named Matthews has mined now for the past two years. Last year a party of needy prospectors came along and Matthews gave them a chance to work for him. They spent a few days getting ready to work a piece of ground and after working four weeks they found they had taken out about \$700. Considering the crude way they worked it was considered good and the party intend going in the spring again and resuming work. Mr. Matthews takes his daughter with him every spring, spends the season

mining and returning to Victoria to winter. It is said that he has for many years averaged about \$1,000 per season. From a prospector who left that section we are informed that the ground owned by the company represented by Col. White, the 43rd Mining & Milling Company, of Ottawa, is considered by prospectors in general good ground, and a choice water right; water, as a rule, being hard to get on the ground. The reports of all disinterested parties from that section seem to be that the mining company above referred to will make a marked success. Findlay river is again heard from by us and the report is not sufficiently favorable to encourage work or prospecting on that river as long as it is so far from a base of supplies. There is no doubt of the death of the unfortunate Ben Wrede. The report of the French prospector, Vital, to the Hudsons Bay Company in that section, has been confirmed by other circumstances. Mr. Wrede was not a woodsman nor a hunter, and in that section no man should trust himself alone except he is able to shift for himself under any circumstances. In crossing swollen waters supplies and rifles are often lost, and a man a hundred miles from a settlement and not even being sure of the points of the compass stands very little chance of ever seeing home and friends. Indians of that section are not to be trusted and would at any time make away with a man if they thought they could safely do so. Omineca should next sea-

son be a favorite section with the prospectors. There is gold there and in many places in sufficient quantities to pay well for mining, but no man should go there unprepared, nor expecting to find a haven of rest from labor. There are flies, gnats and mosquitoes enough in some sections to keep a man from taking life too easy at least. Via Ashcroft is pronounced by all to be the only feasible route to the Omineca.—B. C. Mining Journal.

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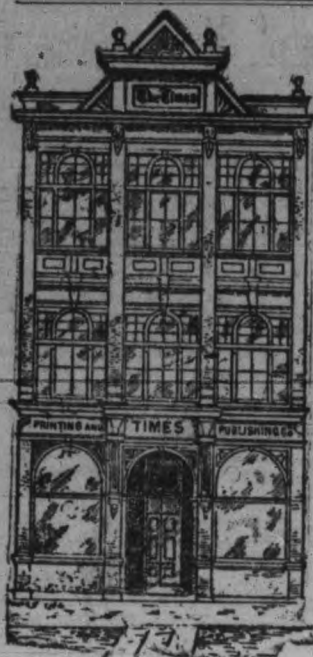
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The Daily Times.

AUTHORITIES CONFLICT.

In the eyes of the government organ it is something like a crime to say that there are defects in the legislation governing municipalities. It is a pity the Attorney-General had not consulted the Colonist before he wrote that letter to the Kamloops city clerk, in which he admitted that "there seems to be some ambiguity in the act relative to the municipalities mentioned" and hinted that supplementary legislation might be passed next session. A few moments' consultation with the Colonist's legal sage might have spared the Hon. Mr. Eberts this painful admission. Mr. Melver might also have saved himself the trouble of writing his last letter if he had but known the Colonist's opinion on the matter. Then, of course, the government is in no way to blame if the act is defective. What has the government to do with legislation, anyway? Everybody ought to know that its functions are confined to the collection of taxes and their subsequent distribution in such ways as will bring most votes to its side. Why should ministers trouble themselves about a small matter like the municipal law? There are some people who profess to believe that it would be wise to give the government complete control over the municipalities by means of appointive commissioners, but such people must needs abandon their belief in presence of this newer doctrine that no matter what goes wrong with the municipal law the government cannot be held in any degree responsible.

CHINESE IN TORONTO.

Toronto, according to the Star, published in that city, is having a slight taste of the Chinese trouble. The Star says:

The alarm which has been aroused among civilized laundrymen and their employees in Toronto, as related on the first page of to-day's Star, is not groundless.

The laundrymen have seen their business slipping away. The employees have found work growing very scarce. The Star knows of one case where scores of employees have been dismissed from lack of work.

The cause of this has been the quick and quiet influx of Chinese, who, having been driven from Montreal, have gathered in Toronto, opened little hand-laundries, are living more cheaply than decent white people can live, dozens in one small house.

The evil, which has been so pronounced in British Columbia, has been brought right home to Toronto people. It may shock a number of the champions of the Chinese race, who have hitherto denounced the exclusion or taxing of the almond-eyed-cheep laborers, but this city cannot afford to allow any more people to be thrown out of work, and must devise some means of keeping the Chinamen out.

We wish no ill to Toronto, but we would like to see not only her laundrymen but many others of her population get such a squeeze from Chinese cheap labor as would enable them to realize the condition to which affairs have been brought on this coast. There would be a sudden decrease of the blatant babbling about the harmfulness of exclusion acts.

A FOOLISH AGITATION.

The cause of the Canadian election ought to satisfy Archbishop Langevin and his fellow agitators as to what the people of Canada would say on the Manitoba school settlement. If they have any idea now that they can convert the majority of the people to their way of thinking, they must have a great capacity for self-deception. There is only one verdict to be looked for—that the settlement is a fair one to all parties, that it will satisfactorily close the dispute if there is no artificial agitation against it, and that the country cannot afford to have the question kept open any longer. The Archbishop and his political friends cannot depend for support even on Quebec province, which is very likely to side with Mr. Laurier and Mr. Tarte. The latter, at all

events, seems to have no fear of the issue. In a recent number of Le Cultivateur he published an article over his own signature in reply to the utterance of La Semaine Religieuse. He points out that as Archbishop Fabre is on his death-bed the articles in that paper must have been written by some other hand, and is inclined to attribute them to some Tory pen. Mr. Tarte continues: "We do not deny them the right to be heard. We invite them to public discussion before the country. Do not deny them the right to speak ex cathedra. Take a trip through Manitoba and you will see that the proportion of our compatriots and co-religionists who are illiterate is terribly alarming. We do not want the re-establishment of the order of things prior to 1890, and declare without fear that all our intelligent compatriots in Manitoba are of the same opinion. The policy in Manitoba up to the present time has been disastrous to the French-Canadian race. What is called the cathedral of St. Boniface is smaller than most of the smallest churches in Quebec. Around this are grouped some 1,200 people of French origin. They have isolated St. Boniface and the result has been that our brothers have been abandoned by the rest of the people. Is it not painful to see people attempt to prevent the Catholic people of Manitoba from taking part in the government and development of the province, where they reside?"

PERSONAL.

D. Alexander and wife, Duncan, are at the Oriental.
H. H. Gillespie and F. E. Atwood, Laidner's are at the Oriental.
Walter Oakes, of the N.P. Ry., came over from Tacoma this morning.
E. J. Palmer, Chamaus, and Thos. E. Laidner, Laidner, are at the Oriard.
Archibald Scriven and Ashdown Green returned from the Mainland last evening.
James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Miss Dunsmuir and R. W. Dunsmuir returned from the South last evening.

FULL OF CONFIDENCE.

Mr. Cuthbert Tells People of the East What to Expect of B. C.

Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, western manager of the British-Canadian Gold Fields Company, has been busy ever since his return from the West on Thursday furnishing the directors of the enterprise with particulars concerning their properties.

Talking to The World, Mr. Cuthbert stated that he had spent most of his time while away in the mountainous mining districts of the West. He visited the Colville Reservation in Washington, the Trail, Slokan and Boundary Creek regions, and also the North Fork of the Salmon country, in nearly all of which the company has interests.

So far the company has arranged to carry on development work on about twelve full-sized claims. Contracts have been let for several hundred feet of tunnels and shafts, cables have been built and trails constructed, and Mr. Cuthbert expects that twenty or thirty miners will be shortly at work under the different contractors.

"In addition to this," said Mr. Cuthbert, "we have several very good proposals from the different districts under which we can acquire properties or controlling interest in them for merely doing development work."

The properties so far bought have not been taken up solely on any judgment, but on that of a thoroughly practical mining man, who makes his own assays and presents unbiased reports. We own an assay plant, which I purchased a few weeks ago.

"We have gradually got into a position to do some good mining business, not on a speculative basis, but by using the money for legitimate purposes alone."

"Two things that pleased me greatly were the way in which our business was managed at this end of the continent, while I was away, and the number of prominent men that have become connected with us."

"Sales have been made sufficient to pay for the mines we already own and allow, besides, of the expenditure of three times that amount in development work."

"In all the mining districts I found the prospectors in good spirits, business satisfactory and capital coming in. Nobody who has not been there has any idea of the wealth of Boundary Creek and the Slokan. British Columbia's beautiful climate, her picturesque scenery and her enormous mineral wealth all go to impress the visitor with the idea that for the next ten years the province will witness a steady march of progress."

"I believe that in ten years the population of British Columbia will be 900,000 instead of 200,000, especially if the government pursues a liberal policy in reference to affording means of transportation, etc."—Toronto World.

THE PROBLEM OF LONGEVITY

As to the question of marriage, the latest statistics published by the Registrar of Statistics in 1897 to prove that married men live longer than the unmarried. Scientific critics in England and other countries, however, have questioned the accuracy of these tables, not holding that they were deliberately of intention false, but that the experiment was not conducted on fair and just principles. These contestants may have been bachelors of centenarian propensities, and having a reputation to sustain, they would naturally examine a married man's tables with close and scrutinizing suspicion. For, say the opponents of this theory, if a man lives longer by reason of marrying one wife, could not he then double his age or chances of longevity by marrying two? Perhaps wives are to be taken, however, like those of Henry VIII, of England, only one at a time, though he had six, and then he did not live to be a centenarian. The reasons given by old people for their long length of years are often seeming-

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ly absurd. The Scientific American of Dec. 10, 1893, had an account of Miss Ellen Work, of Henrietta, N.Y., who was within six weeks of being 100 years old. "The reason that I have lived so long is that I have never drank tea or coffee, and above all, never got married, and I have always been hearty and healthy, too." At the age of 91 she traveled alone to her native place in Vermont. She has always been a hard worker, never had occasion to use glasses and her teeth are of original growth. Her brother lived, she stated, to be 101, and she thought he would have lived much longer if he had never married. He drank tea and coffee, too. People who drink such things, Miss Work thought, and then aggravate the case by getting married, ought not to expect to live long. And yet, Miss Work, being a centenarian herself, knows, perhaps, almost as much about the case as physicians.—William Kline in North American Review.

AERIAL ELECTRICITY.

Over one hundred years ago Benjamin Franklin drew the lightning from the clouds during a thunderstorm, but it was left to the present day and to Mr. William A. Eddy, the kite-flying expert, to prove that an electric current can be drawn from the atmosphere at any time and under any conditions whatever. Mr. Eddy has succeeded in converting this electrical energy into mechanical motion, and he has been able to measure the relation between humidity and the electricity in the atmosphere.

Mr. Eddy attracts the electricity, which is, of course, greatly diffused in the air, by means of what he calls an electric collector. This is simply a piece of mosquito netting, some three feet by five, mounted on a light wooden frame and covered with tin foil. The collector is attached to a kite string, and by means of the kites is suspended at any desired height. From it a very light copper wire is looped along the kite string to the ground, where it terminates in an electric box. Mr. Eddy uses the principle of attraction and repulsion in taking off the electric spark. The box contains a magnet and a ball of rubber balls covered with tin foil and pivoted so that they can move backward and forward. The electric current, collected in mid air, travels down the electric wire to the copper box, where the magnet draws it off in the form of a spark, and another wire running into the earth, grounds it.

It did not take Mr. Eddy long after beginning the experiments to find that he could obtain an electric spark in this manner in clear weather as well as when clouds charged with electricity were hovering about. The only difference was that in a dry atmosphere the collector had to be sent to a greater height before the first spark was obtained. In cloudy weather and when there was considerable humidity the spark flashed off the wire when the collector was only 125 or 150 feet in the air, while in clear, dry air it was sometimes necessary to go to a height of seven or eight hundred feet to obtain a similar manifestation. This satisfied Mr. Eddy of two things: First, that electricity is present at all times, in considerable quantities though in a diffused form in the upper air; second that humidity acts as an absorbent or holder of this electric force. By making numerous observations and marking the results he found that he could measure the humidity by the length of the electric spark. The result of this particular line of experiments has been embodied in a report prepared by Mr. Eddy for the weather bureau.

Mr. Eddy has discovered many interesting facts, and some that are valuable as well as interesting, by means of this electrical contrivance. One is that he can detect the approach of a cloud by the increasing length of the spark, so that a blind man or a man sitting in a closed observatory could know of the approach of a local cloud, although he could not see it. Another fact that may make the electric collector an important assistant in the work of the weather bureau is that the gathering of a storm, especially, of course, an electrical storm, can be made known to an observer by the increased electrical disturbances of the upper atmosphere before it manifests itself in any other way. A point of curious rather than practical interest is the fact that the metal roofs of our very high buildings act as electric collectors. This electricity is absorbed by the bricks or carried off by the iron work beneath the roof, so that it seldom manifests itself. Given a wooden building of sufficient height, however, with a tin or metal roof, and no gutter pipes or other conductors except a copper wire leading to the ground, and Mr. Eddy is perfectly certain that he can draw off electric sparks from that wire at the earth's surface.

Perhaps the most interesting of all Mr. Eddy's experiments in this peculiar field is that of converting the electrical current drawn from the upper air into mechanical motion. This has been done in

a primitive manner by using a light pasteboard wheel set on a pivot so as to revolve very easily. A number of small metal rims are set along the rim of the wheel, and the spark is attracted directly to those rims by the magnet. The resulting motion has been slight, as might be expected from such an arrangement, and from the small size of the collector, but it opens an attractive field for experiment, and points to the time when houses and small business establishments may have their electric plants in the sky instead of in the cellar, as is usually the case at present.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmer's Produce Carefully Corrected.

During the past week very little change is noted in the city markets. Flour still remain at the same price as it has been quoted at for the past three weeks. Meats, however, in anticipation of the Christmas trade, are slightly stiffening.

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour	\$2.50
Lake of the Woods	\$4.50
Rainier	\$5.50
Showflake	\$5.75
XXX	\$5.50
Lion	\$5.50
Premier (Elderby)	\$5.50
Three Star (Elderby)	\$5.50
Strong Baker's (O.K.)	\$5.00
Salem	\$5.75
Wheat, per ton	\$30.00 to \$32.00
Barley, per ton	\$22.00 to \$25.00
Midlings, per ton	\$22.00 to \$25.00
Brass, per ton	\$20.00
Ground feed, per ton	\$25.00 to \$27.00
Corn, whole	\$30.00 to \$32.00
Corn, cracked	\$10.00
Guinea, per 10 pounds	\$35.00
Outmeal, per 10 pounds	\$40.00
Roller oats, (O. or N. W.)	\$30.00
Roller oats, (B. & K.)	\$35.00
Potatoes, per pound	14c to 15c
Cabbage	24c to 3c
Cauliflower, per head	10c to 12c
Hay, baled, per ton	\$15.00
Straw, per bale	75c
Green peppers, cured, per lb.	10c
Onions, per lb.	4c
Bananas	35c
Pears	5c
Grapes	20 to 25c
Lemons (California)	25c to 35c
Apples, Eastern, per lb.	5c
Oranges (California) per doz.	40 to 50c
Oranges (Japanese), per box	5.00
Fish—salmon, per lb.	10c to 12c
Fish—small	8c to 10c
Smoked bladders, per lb.	12c
Eggs, Island, fresh, per doz.	50c
Eggs, Manitoba, per doz.	35c
Butter, creamery, per lb.	35c
Butter, Delta creamery, per lb.	35c
Butter, fresh	25c
Cheese, Cheddar, per lb.	15 to 20c
Hams, American, per lb.	16c to 18c
Hams, Canadian, per lb.	16c
Bacon, American, per lb.	10c to 12c
Bacon, rolled, per lb.	12c to 14c
Bacon, long clear, per pound	12c
Bacon, Canadian, per lb.	14c to 16c
Shoulders	14c
Lard	12c to 15c
Sides, per lb.	7c
Meats—beef, per lb.	7c to 15c
Vest	10c to 15c
Mutton, per lb.	10c to 12c
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Last Saturday night's Y. M. C. A. concert was well attended and the programme was much appreciated.

Elegant Pictures in massive frames, real works of art. Landscapes, pastoral scenery, sea sketches, figures, etc., at Weiler Bros.

The matron and board of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Robert Dunsmuir for her Christmas gift, a check for \$100, to that institution.

A slim pocketbook will not hinder you from having a fine rain coat on Xmas day for we are selling them at cost to clear. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

Friends sending donations to the Friendly Help Association for Christmas distribution among the needy are requested to leave their gifts at the boxes in the city market on or before Wednesday morning.

Santa Claus is due at the Centennial Methodist church to-morrow evening, and it is expected that a large number of Sabbath school children will be on hand to welcome him. A good programme has also been arranged in connection with the entertainment.

In a word, we know it and the same knowledge will be yours. We are selling off all our trimmed and untrimmed millinery 25 per cent. less than the marked price. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

The children of South Park school collected yesterday afternoon on behalf of the poor of the city nearly ten dollars, as well as a large quantity of goods, the whole of which will be distributed by the Friendly Help Association.

News has been received from Vancouver to the effect that Meier, the man arrested for stealing a coat from the Occidental Hotel last week, is probably the man wanted in connection with the theft of four overcoats from the Commercial Hotel and two from the Vancouver Hotel.

Rev. Canon Paddon on Sunday conducted the funeral services in connection with the burial of the late William T. Harris, who died last week at the Jubilee Hospital. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Nelson, O. Smith, H. Matthews, J. R. Smith, C. Craigie and C. Andrews.

The Christmas entertainment to be given by the ladies of St. John's church on Tuesday evening the 23rd inst., will be a very original one. Santa Claus will make his appearance by descending a real brick chimney, which will afterwards be demolished and the bricks, each of which will contain a present, will be given to the children. A cantata, "Santa Claus in a Pile," will also be presented.

The following is the resolution in full which was moved at the meeting held at Royal Oak on Saturday evening and carried unanimously. Mr. Stephens was the mover and Mr. S. Jones the seconder: "That whereas the high assessment on real estate in this district was placed thereon at a time of inflated values and has been continued during a period of general depression and decline in the prices of farms and farm produce, and whereas the lands in this district are more heavily taxed than those of any other district in the province; be it therefore resolved that this meeting instruct our representative to bring the matter to the notice of the government and present a petition from the taxpayers of this district, praying for a reduction of the assessments on our lands; and be it further resolved that this meeting through our representative request the government to appoint a man as assessor who is thoroughly conversant with the value of farm lands and otherwise qualified to fill the position."

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The Spanish Serenaders will meet in the Pioneer Hall to-morrow evening at 7.30.

The trial of Shalleross vs. Garesche was this morning adjourned until January 11th.

A meeting of the council has been called by Mayor Beaven for Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst. at 8 o'clock.

TELEGRAM.—"Dist. H. Ross & Co." I will be with you on Wednesday from 4 to 5 and 7 to 9 o'clock p.m. Santa Claus.

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Preparations are being made by the members of the sergeants' mess of the Fifth Regiment for a military exhibition to be given shortly at the drill hall.

Mr. W. T. Cooksey will deliver his last lecture in the city at the James Bay Methodist church this evening and there will no doubt be a large attendance.

If you're looking for toys call and inspect the stock of A. Barker, 122 Yates street. The very newest mechanical toys; no old stock. Prices the lowest.

Consignment of poultry from Smith's Falls, will arrive in the city by Tuesday's boat. Quality very fine. Can be seen at C. P. N. Wharf. For the trade only.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company the following officers were chosen: President, James Brethour; Vice-President, P. C. Dunlevy; Secretary, T. Rounding.

A social dance will be given in the Philharmonic Hall by the Philharmonic Club this evening. The building has been thoroughly renovated and has now a comfortable hall and lodge room upstairs.

Rev. P. H. McEwen conducted the services at the funeral of the late Joseph Hilliard, which took place from Hanna's parlors, at 2.30 this afternoon.

A rather suspicious looking character, who began begging from people on the streets was taken to the police station this afternoon and charged with being a vagrant.

The Lieut.-Governor has promised his patronage to the entertainment to be given in the drill hall on the 29th and 30th instants by the Fifth Regiment band, assisted by the Misses Weiler. The proceeds of the entertainment go towards the new instrument fund.

In Philharmonic Hall this evening the Philharmonic Club will hold their first dance. The music will be furnished by Wolff's orchestra. The committee in charge are Mrs. Dudgeon, Mrs. Trece, Miss Sinclair, Miss Hill and Mrs. Lang.

It would be advisable for bicycle riders and all interested in wheels to call at Waitt & Co's and see the first 1897 model on the market. It is a Cleveland Swell Special and is a perfect beauty both in general lines and in the number of new and original improvements embodied in it.

There was a good attendance at the closing exercises of the Cedar Hill public school, which were held on Friday last. An interesting programme of songs and recitations was carried out by the pupils. Mr. R. M. Palmer, provincial fire inspector, and Mr. Tracy briefly addressed the school. Mr. Palmer spoke of the importance of distinctness in reciting and gave the children a very interesting lesson on the art, requesting them to exercise their observation in verifying his remarks. The teacher also made a few remarks alluding to the good moral tone, kindly feeling and general diligence that he found ever manifest among his pupils.

Lee Yim-Chuck was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning on remand from yesterday charged with housebreaking. It seems that he entered a dwelling on Store street, and in the absence of the man of the house threatened to kill a Chinese woman unless she paid him a sum of money. He was armed with a knife. The woman's husband suddenly returning took in at once the state of affairs and took a hand in the game. After giving Lee Yim-Chuck a sound thrashing he sent for the police, by whom the accused was taken to the lock-up. Magistrate Macrae this morning bound him over in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace for a year.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

Result of the Examination Held Yesterday by Principal Paul.

At the special oral examination for entrance to the High School held yesterday by Principal Paul the following pupils passed the required standard, and will, accordingly, be entitled to be enrolled as pupils of the High School next term:

From Boys' Central.—Samuel Atkinson, Edwin James Clayton, Harry Dier, James Alexander Hickey, Oscar Hartman, Harold Norman Laker, Charles Frederick Marshall, Harry Munroe, Charles William Meredith, Christopher John McRae, William Sewell, Edwin.

From Girls' Central.—Janie Kirkpatrick, Kate Maud Powell, Nettie Viegans.

From South Park.—Winifred Appleton Coyle, Francis John Cox, Noel Ashley Wilmet.

From North Ward.—Kate Devereux.

From Talmie School.—Dorothy Mary Moxon.

From Burgoyne Bay.—Alexander W. Ison.

COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY.

C.P.R. Negotiating for the Purchase of the Company's Steamers.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Rossland says the C.P.R. are closing a deal for the purchase of all the steamers of the Columbia & Kootenay Navigation Company. Mr. Mars, ex-M.P., president of the steamboat company, has gone to Montreal to consult with the management.

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SEALERS' CLAIMS

Evidence Taken as to the Probable Catch of the Years 1889 and 1890.

The Cross-examination of Captain Hansen by the American Counsel.

When the commission resumed its sitting at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Alexander Keppar was recalled and gave evidence in reference to the claim of the Pathfinder. In 1890 he was mate of the Pathfinder. In March of that year an accident happened to the Pathfinder when to the southward of Cape Flattery, and they put into Neah Bay to repair the schooner. After the repairs were concluded they were preparing to leave when the United States cutter Corwin came into the bay, seized the schooner and towed them to Port Townsend. When seized they were on the sealing grounds, and intended to continue sealing had they not been seized.

Captain George Hackett, master of the Annie C. Moore on her sealing cruises of 1888 and 1889, gave evidence as to the catch made in that year.

Captain Victor Jacobson said he was in Behring sea sealing in 1888 on the Mountain Chief. On account of the difficulty in getting hunters he did not go into the sea until the beginning of August and stayed until the beginning of September. About 900 seals were taken while there.

R. J. Ker, of R. P. Rithet & Co., agents of the Maggie Mac in 1889 and 1890, gave evidence as to the catch of that schooner. In 1889-1890 seals were taken and in 1890, 847 seals. The total catch for these years was, in 1889, 2967 seals, and in 1890, 1954 seals.

An adjournment was then taken until 10.30 o'clock this morning.

At this morning's sitting the deferred cross-examination by Mr. Dickinson of Capt. Hansen in connection with the case of the Winnifred was proceeded with.

Capt. Hansen said that in March, 1892, he fitted out the Winnifred for a sealing cruise on the coast to last until September. He was warned that year not to enter Behring Sea, and had no intention of doing so when he started.

In July he was sealing off Unimak pass when a south-easter sprang up and he was obliged to run through the pass into Behring Sea. While in the sea he was beset for two days, during which he lowered the boats and sealed. He was seized then by the United States cutter Rush and taken to Ounashka. Witness said he was in jail from about August 20th to December 18th or 19th. He said he had on two separate occasions raided the Pribiloff Islands.

To Mr. Peters—He said he entered the harbor on Afognak Island for water as he had run short. This harbor was much frequented for this purpose. These were the only two harbors where seals were taken when he was there. When he was seized he was about twenty miles from the nearest land.

Capt. R. McKell, recalled, gave evidence as to the catch in 1889, when he was master of the Beatrice on her sealing cruise in Behring Sea. He entered the sea some time from the 4th to the 10th of July and stopped hunting on August 13th, as he lost some of his hunters in a fog. The total catch in the sea was about 600 seals. In 1890 he was master of the E. B. Marvin on his sealing cruise in Behring sea. That year 915 seals were taken in the sea.

R. J. Ker, of R. P. Rithet & Co., recalled, produced letters written to his firm from the captain of the Maggie Mac in 1889, saying that he would ship his coast catch of 613 skins and his Behring Sea catch of 1107 skins to Victoria. These skins afterwards arrived. The commission then adjourned for lunch.

WILL NEVER PASS.

Cuban Resolution Will Be Defeated in the House.

New York, Dec. 22.—A special to the World from Washington says: "The strong resolution in favor of Cuba reported to the Senate will never pass the house. This prediction is made positively in the face of the unquestioned fact that a great many in the house favor the Cuban case. But the Cameron resolution will be fought over in committee and undoubtedly amended and will never come to the senate."

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BRAEMAR IN PORT

Northern Pacific Steamer Arrives After a Stormy Passage From Yokohama.

Steamer Florida Released from Quarantine—Eva Chartered to Load Coal.

At one o'clock this afternoon the Northern Pacific steamer Braemar arrived at the outer wharf from Yokohama. She left the latter port on the 4th inst. and was delayed by stormy weather and head winds. During the first eight days of the voyage the weather was moderate, but after the meridian was crossed the steamer encountered a terrific storm, which lasted for twenty-four hours. She was compelled to lay to, but escaped without any serious damage. Her cargo being principally tea, the steamer was high up out of the water, and to this alone is due the fact that her decks were not swept clean by the force of the storm. The officers confirm the report regarding the prevalence of small pox at Kobe. When the steamer left there the dread disease was epidemic. Her only saloon passenger for Victoria was Mr. E. N. Barff, but 30 Japanese and one Chinaman were landed here. Her cargo is made up of ten, 1,000 bales of silk and a big consignment of oranges. About 100 tons of oranges are being discharged here. The Braemar will not leave for the Sound until six o'clock to-morrow morning.

After the arrival of the steamer Kingston this evening, the Northern Pacific steamer Macduff will leave the outer wharf for Yokohama and Hongkong. She is waiting for the mails and a number of Chinese passengers who will be brought from the Sound by the steamer Kingston this evening. The Macduff has a full cargo of freight, made up of 2,000 tons of steel rails, 600,000 feet of lumber, flour and general merchandise. Her only saloon passenger is Joseph Mannix, a special correspondent of the Minneapolis Tribune, who is making a tour round the world.

The Norwegian steamer Eva has been chartered by the New Vancouver Coal Company to load coal for San Francisco. The Eva, which has been in Esquimaux harbor for several weeks, will leave for Nanaimo this evening. After making one trip to Frisco she will be placed in the drydock for a general overhauling.

A dispatch from Ilwaco states that the German bark Potrimpos, which went ashore there, is likely to be floated. A steamer was also current to the effect that the Glenmorag had been hauled off the beach near the mouth of the Columbia yesterday.

After being in quarantine for several weeks, the Norwegian steamer Florida was released from the William Head station this morning. The three members of the crew, afflicted with small-pox, have fully recovered. The Florida has not yet secured a charter.

The Tokpa will leave Seattle to-morrow morning for Alaska. She will call at the outer wharf on Thursday morning.

Yokohama, Dec. 22.—The steamship Empress of China arrived here from Vancouver at 2.23 p.m. on Dec. 21st.

Mary and the Lamb.

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece as white as snow; whatever way Mary went, the lamb was sure to go.

Mary was out one cold, blue day, the lamb and Mary too, they sped some thing nice that many liked; the lamb wanted some of it too. It was not sweetmeats or any such truck that Mary wanted. Oh, no! It was the latest fad in the musical line, so into Fletcher's store they go. Mary to the lamb: "What pretty things. The Pianos are American, the musicians they know. There are Organs, Zithers, Banjos, Accordeons, and so the musical boxes are not mere show; they play one hundred tunes, pretty airs (we all know), and so different in construction, the lamb says so. There are also different makes of Machines to be sold—the Domestic and our Knitters, they are all to go; not a lady in the land that use them and sew, that for anything different she does not want to know."

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The Mystery of Mr. and Mrs. Peacocke.

CHAPTER XVII.—CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PALACE.

The possible glory of Mary's future career did not deter the Doctor from thinking of his troubles, and especially that trouble with the Bishop which was at present heavy on his hand. He had determined not to go on with his action, and had so resolved because he had felt, in his more sober moments, that in bringing the Bishop to disgrace, he would be as a bird selling its own nest. It was that conviction, and not any idea as to the sufficiency of insinuation, as to the truth or falsehood, of the editor's apology, which had actuated him. As he had said to his lawyer, he did not in the least care for the newspaper people. He could not condense to be angry with them. The abominable joke as to the two verbs was altogether in their line. As coming from them, they were no more to him than the ribald words of boys which might be heard in the street. The offence to him had come from the Bishop, and he resolved to spare the Bishop because of the Church. But yet something must be done. He could not leave the man to triumph over him. If nothing further were done in the matter, the Bishop would have triumphed over him. As he could not bring himself to expose the Bishop, he must see whether he could not reach the man by means of his own power of words;—so he wrote as follows:—

"My dear Lord,—I have to own that this letter is written with feelings which have been very much incited by what your lordship has done. I must tell you, in the first place, that I have abandoned my intention of bringing an action against the proprietors of the scurrilous newspaper which your lordship sent me, because I am unwilling to bring to public notice the fact of a quarrel between a clergyman of the Church of England and his bishop. I think that, whatever may be the difficulty between us, it should be arranged without bringing down upon either of us adverse criticism from the public press. I trust your lordship will appreciate my feeling on this matter. Nothing less strong could have induced me to abandon what seems to be the most certain means by which I could obtain redress.

"I had seen the paper which your lordship sent to me before it came to me from the press. The scurrilous, unsavoury, and vulgar words which it contained, did not matter to me much. I have lived long enough to know that, let a man's own garments be as clean as they may be, he cannot hope to walk through the world without rubbing against those who are dirty. It was only when those words came to me from your lordship,—when I found that the expressions which I had read in that paper were those which your lordship had before alluded, as being criticisms on my conduct in the metropolitan press,—criticisms so grave as to make your lordship think it necessary to admonish me respecting them,—it was only then I saw, that I considered them to be worthy of my notice. When your lordship, in admonishing me, found it necessary to refer me to the metropolitan press, and to caution me to look to my conduct because the metropolitan press had expressed its disapproval, it was, I submit to you, natural for me to ask you where I should find that criticism which had so strongly affected your lordship's judgment. There are perhaps half a score of newspapers published in London whose advertisements, as a clergyman, might have reason to respect—even if I did not fear them. Was I not justified in thinking that at least some two or three of these had dealt with my conduct, when your lordship held the metropolitan press in terror over my head? I applied to your lordship for the name of those newspapers, and to me—that copy of 'Everybody's Business'.

"I ask your lordship to ask yourself whether, so far, I have oversteered anything. Did not that paper come to me as the only sample you were able to send me of criticism made on my conduct in the metropolitan press? No doubt my conduct was handled there in very severe terms. No doubt, the insinuations, if true,—or if of such kind as to be worthy of credit with your lordship, whether true or false,—were very severe, plain-spoken, and damning. The language was so abominable, so vulgar, so nauseous, that I will not trust myself to repeat it. Your lordship, probably, when sending me one copy, kept another. Now, I must ask your lordship, and I must beg of your lordship for a reply,—whether the periodical itself has such a character as to justify your lordship in founding a complaint against a clergyman on its unprovoked statements; and also, whether the facts of the case, as they are

known to you, were not such as to make your lordship well aware that the insinuations were false. Before these ribald words were printed, your lordship had heard all the facts of the case from my own lips. Your lordship had known me and my character for, I think, a dozen years. You know the character that I bear among others as a clergyman, a schoolmaster, and a gentleman. You have been aware how great is the friendship I have felt for the unfortunate gentleman whose career is in question, and for the lady who bears his name. When you read those abominable words, did they induce your lordship to believe that I had been guilty of the inexpressible treachery of making love to the poor lady whose misfortune it was endeavouring to relieve, and of doing so almost in my wife's presence? "I defy you to have believed them. Men are various, and their minds work in different ways,—but the same causes will produce the same effects. You have thought it possible that I should have done as I was accused. I should hold a man to be no less than mad who could so have believed, knowing as much as your lordship knew. Then how am I to reconcile to my idea of your lordship's character the fact that you should have sent me that paper? What am I to think of the process going on in your lordship's mind, when your lordship could have brought yourself to use a narrative which you have known to be false, made in a newspaper which you know to be scurrilous, as the ground for a solemn admonition to a clergyman of my age and standing? You wrote to me, as is evident from the tone and content of your lordship's letter, because you found that the metropolitan press had denounced my conduct. And this was the proof you sent me that such had been the case!

"It occurred to me at once that, as the paper in question had vilified me, I could redress myself by an action of law, and that I could prove the magnitude of the evil done me by showing the gravity of the offence which your lordship had attached to the words. In this way I could have forced an answer from your lordship to the questions which I now put to you. Your lordship would have been required to state on oath whether you believed those insinuations or not; and if so, why you believed them. On grounds which I have already explained, I have thought it improper to do so. Having abandoned that course, I am unable to force an answer from your lordship. But I appeal to your sense of honour and justice whether you should not answer my questions,—and I also ask from your lordship an ample apology, if, on consideration, you shall feel that you have done me an undeserved injury.—I have the honor to be, my lord, your lordship's most obedient, very humble servant,

"Jeffrey Wortle."

He was rather proud of this letter as he read it to himself and yet a little afraid of it, feeling that he had addressed it to the Bishop in very strong language. It might be that the Bishop should send him no answer at all, or some curt note from his chaplain, in which it would be explained that the tone of the letter precluded the Bishop from answering it. What should he do then? It was not he thought, improbable, that the curt note from the chaplain would be all that he might receive. He let the letter lie by him for four-and-twenty hours after he had composed it, and then determined that not to send it would be cowardly. He sent it, and then occupied himself for an hour or two in reading a sort of letter he would write to the Bishop when that curt reply had come from the chaplain.

That further letter must be one which must make all amicable intercourse between him and the Bishop impossible. And it must be so written as to be fit to meet the public eye if he should be ever driven by the Bishop's conduct to put it in print. A great wrong had been done him;—a great wrong! The Bishop had been induced by the influence which should have had no power over him to use his episcopal rod and to smite him,—him, Dr. Wortle! He would certainly show the Bishop that he should have considered beforehand whom he was about to smite. "Amo in the cool of the evening," he said that given as an expression of opinion from the metropolitan press in general! He had spared the Bishop as far as that action was concerned, but he would not spare him should he be driven to further measures by further injustice. In this way he lashed himself again into a rage. Whenever those odious words occurred to him, he was almost mad with anger against the Bishop.

When the letter had been two days sent, so that he might have had a reply had a reply come to him by return of post, he put a copy of it into his pocket and rode off to call on Mr. Puddlecombe. He had thought of showing it to Mr. Puddlecombe before he sent it, but his mind had revolted from such submission to the judgment of another. Mr. Puddlecombe would no doubt have advised him not to send it, and then he would have been almost compelled to submit to such advice. But the letter was gone now. The Bishop had read it, and no doubt re-read it two or three times. But he was anxious that some other clergyman should see it,—if not one other clergyman should tell him that even if inexpedient, it had still been justified. Mr. Puddlecombe had been made acquainted with the former circumstances of the affair; and now, with his mind full of his own injuries, he went again to Mr. Puddlecombe.

"It is just the sort of letter that you would write as a matter of course," said Mr. Puddlecombe.

"Then I hope that you think it is a good letter?"

"Good as being expressive, and good also as being true, I do think it."

"But not good as being wise?"

"Had I been in your case I should have thought it unnecessary. But you are self-demonstrative, and cannot control your feelings."

"I do not quite understand you."

"What did it all matter? The Bishop did a foolish thing in talking of the metropolitan press. But he had only meant to put you on your guard."

"I do not choose to be put on my guard in that way," said the Doctor.

"No," exactly. And he should have known you better than to suppose you would bear it. Then you pressed him, and he found himself compelled to send you that stupid newspaper. Of course he had made a mistake. But don't you think that the world goes easier when mistakes are forgiven?"

"I did forgive it, as far as foregoing the action."

"That, I think, was a matter of course. If you had succeeded in putting the poor Bishop into a witness-box you would have had every sensible clergyman in England against you. You felt that yourself."

"Not quite that," said the Doctor.

"Something very near it; and therefore you withdrew. But you cannot get the sense of the injury out of your mind, and therefore you have persecuted the Bishop

with that letter."

"Persecuted?"

"He will think so. And so should I, had it been addressed to me. As I said before, all your arguments are true,—only I think you have made so much more of the metropolitan press, I only meant to tell you that newspaper, nor ought he to have talked about the metropolitan press. But he did you no harm; nor had he wished to do you harm;—and perhaps it might have been as well to pass it over."

"Could you have done so?"

"I cannot imagine myself in such a position. I could not, as any man, have written such a letter as that, even if I would; and should have been afraid to write it if I could. I value peace and quiet too greatly to quarrel with my bishop,—unless, indeed, he should attempt to impose upon my conscience. There was nothing of that kind here. I think I should have been that he had made a mistake, and have passed it over."

The Doctor, as he rode home, was, on the whole, better pleased with his visit than he had expected to be. He had been told that his letter was argumentatively true, and that in itself had been much. At the end of the week he received a reply from the Bishop, and found that it was not, at any rate, written by the chaplain.

"My dear Dr. Wortle," said the reply: "your letter has pained me exceedingly, because I find that I have caused you a degree of annoyance which I am certainly very sorry to have inflicted. When I wrote to you in my letter,—which I certainly did not intend as an admonition,—about the metropolitan press, I only meant to tell you, for your own information, that the newspapers were making reference to your affair with Mr. Peacocke. I doubt whether I know anything of the nature of 'Everybody's Business.' I am not sure even whether I had actually read the words to which you object so strongly. At any rate, they had had no weight with me. If I had read them,—which I probably did very cursorily,—they did not rest on my mind at all when I wrote to you. My object was to caution you, not at all as to your own conduct, but as to others who were speaking evil of you."

"As to the action of which you spoke so strongly when I had the pleasure of seeing you here, I am very glad that you abandoned it, for your own sake and for mine, and for the sake of all generally to whom the peace of the Church is dear."

"As to the nature of the language in which you have found yourself compelled to write to me, I must remind you that it is unusual as coming from a clergyman to a bishop. I am, however, ready to admit that the circumstances of the case were unusual, and I can understand that you should have felt the matter severely. Under these circumstances, I trust that the affair may now be allowed to rest without breach of those kind feelings which have hitherto existed between us.—Yours very faithfully,

"J. Broughton."

"It is a beastly letter," the Doctor said to himself, when he had read it. "A beastly letter," and then he put it away without saying any more about it to himself or to any one else. It had appeared to him to be a "beastly letter," because it had exactly the effect which the Bishop had intended. It did not eat "humiliably;" it did not give him the full satisfaction of a complete apology; and yet it left no room for a further rejoinder. It had declared that no censure had been intended, and expressed sorrow that anything had been caused. But yet to the Doctor's thinking it was an unmanly letter. "Not intended as an admonition!" Then why had the Bishop written in that severely affectionate and episcopal style? He had intended it as an admonition, and the excuse was false. So thought the Doctor, and completed all his criticisms in the one epithet given above. After that he put the letter away, and determined to think no more about it.

"Will you come in and see Mrs. Peacocke after lunch?" the Doctor said to his wife the next morning. They paid their visit together; and after that, when the Doctor called on the lady, he was generally accompanied by Mrs. Wortle. So much had been effected by "Everybody's Business," and its abominations.

(To be continued.)

A MESSAGE TO MEN.

Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful follies, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money; but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely on being cured and the proud satisfaction of having been of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5s. silver to cover postage and address, Mr. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

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Piles, a-rofula, eczematous eruptions, scald head, salt rheum and all other annoying and painful skin diseases can be easily cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment. "I had protruding piles for ten years," writes H. H. Sutherland, commercial traveller, of Truro, N. S.; "tried many remedies and had doctors operate. It was no use. Was completely laid up at times. Chase's Ointment was recommended to me by Mr. Brennan, of the Summerside, P. E. I. Journal. I tried it and one box completely cured me." Mr. Statia, the editor of the Streetsville, Ont. Review, gives this unsolicited testimonial under date of Nov. 6, 1896: "Half a box of Chase's Ointment

cured my daughter of eczema. That was six months ago and there has been no reappearance of the disease." T. Wallace, blacksmith, of Iroquois, Ont., was troubled with blind itching piles for twenty years. "I tried every remedy that came out in vain," he writes, "until I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment. It was a Godsend. One box cured me." All dealers and Edmonson, Bates & Co., manufacturers, Toronto. Price 60c.

Lined and turpentine are every mother's household remedy for coughs, colds, throat and lung affections. Dr. Chase has disguised the taste and made the remedy pleasant to take. Large bottle only 25c.

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NOTICE.

At the next meeting of the Licensing Commissioners application will be made for the transfer of the license of the "Adolphus Saloon" now held by M. C. Brown to G. E. Fisher and R. C. Davies, M. C. BROWN, delict. Victoria, B.C., Dec. 14, 1896.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, for a transfer to E. J. Romano, Guagliardi of the license held by me for the sale of liquors by retail, upon the premises known as the "Sickel Plate Saloon," No. 36 Government Street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1896, no 25-11

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Hamlet-Cariboo ..	Evening Star	15
Teco	Great Western ..	17
St. Koverne	Grand Prize	104
Slocan Star (part) ..	Good Hope	64
Divided	High Ore	17
Wonderful Group ..	Iron Mask	60
CAMP MCKINNEY.	Joe	25
Crylbo (part) div. ..	John	104
TEXADA ISLAND.	Little Darling	65
Van Anda	Mahoe	15
Vic-Texada (part) ..	Mayflower	144
ALBERNI DISTRICT.	Monte Rio	17
Alberni Con.	Magnum	13
Mineral Creek	Near Kirk	69
Mountain Home	Norway	65
Quadra	Novelty	12
REYES DISTRICT.	Silverline	10
Opuntia	St. Kimo	15
TRAIL CREEK.	St. Kimo	15
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ELECTION CARDS

The Mayoralty

To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

no 15 CHAS. E. REDFERN.

Vancouver Island Building Society.

The 32nd drawing for an appropriation, will be held in Sir William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad Street, on Thursday, December 24th, 1896, at 8 p.m.

By order, R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST, 1897.

The municipal voters lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.

By order, WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, 17th Dec., 1896.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Changes for standing advertisements must be handed in at the office before 11 a.m. of the day the 'Change' is desired to appear.

TERMS CASH.

JOSHUA DAVIES,

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Peremptory And Unreserved Sale

Farm Property.

By Order of the Owners

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Has been instructed to sell by

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ON—

Thursday, 7th day of Jan. 1897

At 12 o'clock noon, on the premises

All that piece or parcel of land situate in Victoria District, British Columbia, and known as subdivision C, Lot 10 (B) and Subdivision C-1, being 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424,

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

George M. Black, the widely known Hastings pioneer, died Monday morning. He came to the province from California in 1852.

Rev. Father Emmelin, of Vancouver, has received honors from Rome, his title now being Right Rev. Monsignor.

It is understood that the Golden Cache company are to part with one of their claims in Lilloet which has not yet been developed.

ROSELAND.

Hosland, Dec. 21.—There is no question as to the high grade ore in the Jumbo carrying tellurides. A test made in Spokane has proven it.

The Montreal syndicate, represented by James F. Warner, which recently acquired eight hundred lots in the townsite of Roseland, subsequently secured an option on the plant, franchises, etc., of the Roseland Water and Light Company, has made its first payment on the latter option.

The Sarah Lee, adjoining the Crown Point group, has been sold to a Toronto syndicate.

O. G. Labaree and R. H. Pope, M.L.A., have bought the Midnight, the adjoining claim to the famous North Star, near Fort Steele.

REVELSTOCK.

Kootenay Mail.

The C. P. R. are making extensive improvements at Arrowhead, including a new double track, the bed built up with rock work and a portable wharf built on wheels.

Several deals on properties have been consummated in Trout Lake lately, and although no very big figures have been quoted, yet they are of sufficient size, considering the properties, to demonstrate that interest in the camp is active and will develop rapidly with the break-up of winter.

It has often been complained that the service supplied by the C. & K. S. N. Co. is insufficient when the competition which they have to meet from the south is considered. A case in point was reported last week where freight shipped from Revelstoke on November 11th had not reached Cody on December 9th.

FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele Prospector.

Quite a number of men are engaged in taking out ore on the Dibble group for shipment as soon as navigation will permit.

The North Star mine has thirty men engaged in taking out carbonates, a large number of teams are engaged in hauling them to the company's landing on the river. It is reported that 6000 tons will be shipped during the coming year.

Assessment and development work has been done on numerous claims situated on Bull river, Sand creek and Elk river. It is the intention of the owners of several of these properties to have ore ready for shipment next season.

The Ram's Horn was located by Grundy Aukhuk last fall. A cut has been run in for some distance on the ledge showing carbonates and galena; the ledge is about twenty feet in width. The property has been bonded for \$30,000.

On the St. Eugene six hundred feet of tunnelling has been done, and they are now sinking a shaft through ore from the upper to the lower tunnel, a distance of 100 feet. At present there is about 4000 tons of ore on the dump, and fully 12,000 in sight which assays about 55 ounces in silver and 68 per cent lead.

On the Lago Store a thirty-foot tunnel has been run, showing a large amount of galena in place; it is expected that the owners of this property will ship ore during the coming season.

UNDER THE IRISH SEA.

The Belfast News Letter publishes two articles on the advantage of a tunnel between Ireland and Scotland. The subject is not a new one, but the writer thinks the present seems, for a number of reasons, to be an appropriate time for recasting public attention to it. At a public meeting held in Belfast city some years ago a proposal was made for the construction of a tunnel between the Antrim coast and the Mull of Galloway, the intention being to connect the railway at Stranraer with lines which have their termini in Belfast. A committee was appointed but little progress has been made. There is a feeling that it is the duty of the government to undertake a work of this kind, and the author of the article suggests that this would be one way in which Ireland could be repaid the amount, which according to the report of the majority of members of the Financial Relations Commission has been unfairly taken in taxation.

The government has hitherto refused to allow a tunnel to be made between England and France—a project with which the name of Sir Edward Watkin is associated—but that is for political reasons. It is feared that it would weaken the power of Great Britain to resist an invasion from the continent. Whatever force there is in this objection it does not apply to the scheme for establishing railway communication between Great Britain and Ireland. The more closely the two countries can be drawn together, the better it will be for both.

One of the most obvious advantages of the tunnel would be the great acceleration of the passenger and mail service which it would make possible. It takes at present thirteen or fifteen and a half hours by the most rapid of the existing services to go from Belfast to London. According to the calculations made by the writer of the articles this time could be reduced to ten and a half hours. Glasgow could be reached in five hours, York in seven, and so with other cities and towns. All will admit the value of an acceleration of two or three hours. It would be of the greatest service to the commercial classes. Many persons would consider the abolition of the sea passage a boon. Engineers of the highest eminence have declared that the scheme is practicable and able men of business are convinced that it would pay. It remains to keep

it before the government and public until it be undertaken and completed.

At first Dublin might be inclined to be jealous of supposed advantages for Belfast in the commercial race by such a tunnel, but if this route was opened it would not improbably be the pioneer of a connection between Dublin and Holyhead, which though much longer, might within the next half century be capable of accomplishment, for a sum of money not much larger than that now needed for the proposed tunnel, as the cost of such work is diminished by experience in a rapid ratio.

Mr. Robert Giffen, of the Board of Trade, who gave evidence before the Financial Relations Commission, said, "I think it (the tunnel from Ireland to Scotland) should be taken up by the state irrespective of any estimate of profit or loss on the undertaking. Looking at the immense trade between the two countries, and the possibilities of developing the tourist traffic and extending the residence in Ireland of people now living in Great Britain, I think that the effect of making a tunnel would result in enormous commercial advantage, apart from the political advantages that might follow."

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ALL RAIL TO NELSON, B. C.

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THROUGH TRAINS SEMI-WEEKLY.

Daily except Sunday, between Spokane and Nelson. 7 A.M. LEAVES SPOKANE. Arr. 5:30 P.M. Commencing January 8th, on Wednesdays and Saturdays trains will run through, arriving at Nelson at 5:40 a.m., making close connection with the steamer Nelson for Kaslo and all lake points, arriving at Kaslo at 9:30 p.m., same days. Leaving passengers will leave lake points and Nelson on Tuesdays and Fridays, arriving at Spokane at 5:30 p.m. same days.

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ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY. COMPANY.

Until further notice the morning train for Nanaimo will not leave Victoria until 10:45 o'clock and the Saturday afternoon trains are cancelled.

Victoria & Sidney R'y

Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney daily as follows:

Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

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RETURN TOURNAMENT.
The return wrestling tournament between teams of fourteen players from the J.B. A.A. and the Conservative Club, played last evening, resulted in a victory for the Conservatives with a score of 28 to 23 games.

GOLF.

The mixed foursome tournament, which was to have taken place at Oak Bay links on Saturday afternoon next, has been postponed, and instead the fourth medal competition, open to both ladies and gentlemen members, will be held.

THE RING.

There is sure to be a very large attendance at the Delaney benefit at the Victoria Athletic Club rooms, No. 9 Johnson street, to-morrow evening. An excellent programme has been arranged, no less than twenty people contributing their services. As an "extra" in the evening's entertainment there will be a four-round "go" between Young Hill and Joe Mullen of Victoria. The wind-up will be a four-round bout between Tobin and Delaney. Admission 50 cents.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION MEETING.
A special meeting of the British Columbia Intermediate Football Association will be held at 7.35 o'clock this evening in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, when the application of the Columbias of Victoria for admission to the association will be considered. The protest against their admission by the Northfield Violets has, it is understood, been dropped.

On Thursday afternoon a match will take place on the Canteen grounds between the Nondescript and Navy football teams. The game will commence sharp at 3 o'clock.

MANITOBA IS SATISFIED.

But the Bishops, so Say Senator Landry, Will Cause Trouble.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Mr. Greenway in an interview last night said the recent settlement had given almost universal satisfaction to the people of his province.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Cartier-Macdonald club in Quebec, Senator Landry announced that now that the bishops have returned from Rome they will shortly issue a joint mandament calling on every Catholic to withdraw his confidence in Premier Laurier, because the latter did not re-establish separate schools. Senator Landry also declared that at the opening of the session of the federal parliament this province would present a remonstrance bill endorsed by the whole Catholic episcopate of Canada and Catholic Liberal members, who, during the last campaign promised to act in conformity with the wishes of their bishops. They will have to leave the Premier or be considered traitors to their religion.

WORSE THAN WHISKEY.

A Number of Ohioans Poisoned by Drinking Essence of Cinnamon.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Additional details from Benwood, the new oil field in Monroe county, Ohio, concerning the poisoning from drinking "essence of cinnamon," a substitute for whiskey, sold at a cheap price, confirm the first reports. Three well known men are dead, several are seriously ill and three insane. It seems that one of the storekeepers at Benwood got hold of the fact that a Wheeling drug firm was putting up a preparation called "essence of cinnamon" which contained a large percentage of alcohol. The merchant sold in a large supply of the stuff and informed the people about that he had a good thing.

It was received yesterday and he sold a great deal of it during the afternoon and evening. Several who partook of the "essence" became ill, and three of them, after terrible suffering, died. The symptoms were the same in all cases. The first man taken ill was W. H. Price, an whose farm the Fisher Oil Company drilled their first well. Before a physician could arrive he was dead. He died in awful agony. Mr. Price was one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens, his royalties on wells on his farm aggregating \$3,000 a month. He leaves a widow and one child.

Charles Herbert, a butcher of Sargos, was the next attacked, and he was quickly followed into eternity by Thomas Clegg, an oil driller. Others who were attacked by the same symptoms, but who are still alive, are Col. Clegg, Henry Roth and a cook in a boarding house. About fifteen persons are suffering from the effects of the poison. A number of physicians are on the ground and hope to succeed in saving their lives.

ANOTHER RAILWAY SCHEME.

Union of Branch Lines to Parallel the Central Pacific.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 22.—Wilhelm L. Bull, of Joseph, Mo.; C. H. Henry, of Hall, Garton & Co.; A. H. Joline, of the Central Trust Company, and others, who are on the way to America from Paris to take up Hermann's route, Hermann's greatest losses were his purchase of the Brooklyn theatre, his attempt at the management of the Broad street theatre, Philadelphia, which cost \$50,000; his venture at what is now the Savoy in this city, where he lost more than \$40,000.

—New Goods Just received and cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co's, 30 Douglas street.

SENSATIONAL DEMURRER.

Attorney-General of California Attacks the Southern Pacific Charter.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Attorney-General Fitzgerald has filed a sensational demurrer in the United States circuit court in the case of the Southern Pacific railroad company against the board of railroad commissioners of California. The document raises points of vital interest to the Southern Pacific company, as the attorney-general attacks the validity of the company's charter and denies its right to operate its branch roads in this state.

The original suit was brought to enjoin the railroad commission from enforcing its schedule of freight rates reducing grain rates 8 per cent. In the preliminary decision, rendered by Judge McKenna these grain rates were declared to be unreasonable, and the temporary injunction granted when the suit was instituted was ordered to continue until the case was tried on its merits. The demurrer, in substance, denies that there is any question of equity to be decided, but claims that the matter should be litigated, only when an attempt is made to enforce the objectionable action of the commissioners.

It is claimed that the action of the commission is legislative and not subject to review by any court; that any violation of the fixed rates by the commission is a criminal matter and not subject to restraint by a court of equity. It is denied that the complainant is a railroad or that it is empowered to operate any of the railroads mentioned in this bill of complaint. It is further charged that all the leases made to the Southern Pacific company are invalid, and that therefore the complainant cannot legally concern itself with the question how any of the lesser roads would be affected by the commission's action. The complainant is charged with being an unlawful combination, created in violation of both the state and federal constitutions.

AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

Brief Telegrams From Different Parts of the Union.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—William Hale Thompson, captain of the football team of the Chicago Athletic Club, has been sued for \$100,000 for breach of promise. The complainant is Jennie F. Hutchinson, of Peckville, N.Y.

New York, Dec. 22.—The 276th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrim fathers at Plymouth Rock, was celebrated last night by the New England Society of Brooklyn, by the seventeenth annual dinner. General Stewart L. Woodford presided.

Toledo, O., Dec. 22.—The body of Jesse O. Gould, who disappeared on December 8th and of whom no trace could be discovered, has been found in some brush near the bank of the Maumee river with a bullet hole through the temple. It is supposed to be a case of suicide. Gould was vice-president and treasurer of the Leland Smith Company, wholesale tobacconists, which failed the day after his disappearance.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Lake Shore directors have declared the regular half yearly dividend of 3 per cent, payable on January 1st. The Michigan Central directors have declared the regular half yearly dividend of 2 per cent.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—State Bank Examiner Kenyon took possession today of the Bank of Minnesota and as a result of the closing of this bank the Union Stock Yards Bank has closed. The Bank of Minnesota had a capital of \$2,000,000 and was considered one of the strongest banks in the west.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The ordinance providing for four cent car fares in this city, recently passed by the city council by a majority has been vetoed by Mayor Swift, and the council meeting last night sustained the veto by a vote of 20 to 17.

Northern Pacific Railway to Roadside.

If you are going to Roseland be sure to travel via the Northern Pacific railway, the all-rail route. Ship your freight and express by Northern Pacific, as that line has inaugurated through all rail freight and express service to Roseland as well as to Nelson and other Kootenay points.

E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent.

Hungarian Floor for \$1.35 at Johns Bros.

Must not be confused with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

The annual Sunday school concert of the First Presbyterian church will be held on the 23rd inst.

PARSENGERS.

Per Str. Rosalie from the Sound—Evan Burnett, Mrs. Webster, James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Miss Dunsmuir, R. W. Dunsmuir, Miss Austin, W. Oakes.

CONSIGNEES.

Per Str. Rosalie from the Sound—F. Leiser & Co., J. Hutchinson, T. Norris, Weller Bros., Fell & Co., D. H. Ross & Co.

DIED.

PEDER—On the 20th inst., at 21 San Juan Avenue, Margaret Catherine Pedersen, aged 31 years, a native of Scotland, daughter of Alex. Pedersen.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the above residence. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Don't Forget

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the first day of February next for the purchase of all that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, and more particularly known and described as follows: Lot number fifty-two (52) of the eastern half of section twenty (20), Westcoy Farm, according to the map or plan thereof as filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, and there numbered two hundred and twelve (112). Mortgage registered in Charge Book vol. 12, folio 262, N. 131296. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. There is a good house on the property, Rendall street, now tenanted to a desirable tenant. ARCHER MARTIN, 43 Government street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for mortgages. Dated December 21, 1896. dec21-31

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Mother you are not going to beat us out of a Plum Pudding this year, nor Cake either, because I see in Henry Clay's window the biggest Plum Pudding ever made in Victoria, and we can buy from half a pound to ten pounds and it is going like sixty.

Well Charlie, we will have to have some because 'his name always recommends his goods.

HENRY CLAY, 39 Fort St.

VICTORIA CITY POUND.

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of December, 1896, at the City Pound, on Chamber street, in the city of Victoria, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by public auction the following animals, viz: 1 dark sorrel horse, 1 light sorrel horse. Unless the said animals are redeemed and paid charges thereon paid on or before the hour of sale, I, A. MCINNIS, Poundkeeper, Victoria, B.C., December 18th, 1896. dec21

Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The usual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robert Jenkinson, the House Steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts. dec21-td

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Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster, thence eastward through the Valley of the Fraser River and the Peace River, to the Town of Roseland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Grey, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain stations, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA, Solicitor for the Applicant.